

Remarks and Arguments Responsive to 4 June '04 Official Action

It is respectfully asserted that the herein-inserted linearly-defined limitation to Claim 1(Amended) has antecedent basis in the 23 July 2003-filed drawing Figures 4, 5, and 7.

It is respectfully urged that salient 35 USCode 112 objections are hereabove meaningfully complied with.

Disclosure of Applicants' Recent Prior Art Searches

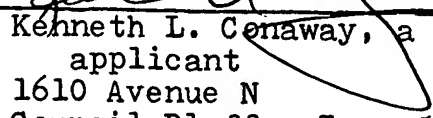
Co-applicants' independent prior art searches, conducted prior to 4 June 2004, reveal nothing more relevant than the Examiner's primary reliance upon U. S. Patent 4,998,310 (Olson - 1991). Nevertheless, co-applicant wishes the Examiner to become aware of Fogel's U. S. Patent numbers 4,077,074 (1978) and 4,771,491 (1988).

Argument as to Patentability for Claim 1(Amended)

Applicants' sole independent claim, Claim 1(Amended) is encumbered by: "four structurally-continuous resinous bars that cornerwise intersect as linearly-defined mateable tongues-and-grooves". In direct counterdistinction as opposed to Olson's: Olson's all four elongate bars (32, 34, 36, 38) are segmented (as opposed to applicants' structurally= continuous bars); and Olson's bars cornerwise intersect as wholly curvably defined connections (as opposed to applicants' linearly-defined tongues-and-grooves). Moreover, applicants' structurally-continuous and linearly-defined limitations to Claim 1(Amended) ensure that the thus four-encumbered elongate resinous bars will readily and reliably snugly abut a bars-surrounding horizontal sleeping mattress.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, it is sincerely asserted that independent Claim 1(Amended), and afortiori its dependent Claims nos. 2-8, represent novel and unobvious subject matter for which patent protection is warranted.

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